

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE**

TERRY LYNN KING,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	<u>CAPITAL CASE</u>
)	
v.)	Case No. 3:18-cv-01234
)	
LISA HELTON, et al.,)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
)	
Defendants.)	

DONALD MIDDLEBROOKS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	<u>CAPITAL CASE</u>
)	
v.)	Case No. 3:19-cv-01139
)	
LISA HELTON, et al.,)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
)	
Defendants.)	

DEFENDANTS' STATUS UPDATE

Pursuant to this Court's orders (*King*, D.E. 227; *Middlebrooks*, D.E. 78), Defendants hereby provide notice to the Court regarding the status of corrective actions to comply with the recommendations in the Report and Findings of the Tennessee Lethal Injection Protocol Investigation ("Report") and Governor Lee's directives. (Exhibit 1.)

Governor Bill Lee has appointed Mr. Frank Strada as the new Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Correction ("TDOC"). Commissioner Strada has appointed Ms. Jen Brenner as General Counsel for TDOC.

TDOC has undertaken a review and assessment of the Report. This assessment includes a review of applicable policies, procedures and personnel involved in the lethal injection process.

TDOC is currently in the process of revising Tennessee's lethal injection protocol in light of the Report and the Governor's directives. The revision of the protocol is a priority, and is active and ongoing, but the Commissioner is currently not prepared to provide a date when a new lethal injection protocol will be promulgated.

Respectfully submitted,

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